

outputting from the computer system to the requestor the identity of the satisfier and outputting from the computer system to the satisfier the identity of the requestor for completion of the arrangement.

2. The method of claim 1 including inputting into the computer system, subsequent to completion of the arrangement, a rating by the requestor of the performance of the satisfier, and including the rating in the satisfaction criteria of the second predetermined composite of criteria.

3. The method of claim 1 including inputting into the computer system, subsequent to completion of the arrangement, a rating by the satisfier of the performance of the requestor, and including the rating in the first predetermined composite of criteria.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein the arrangement comprises a clinical trial, the requestor comprises a health-care provider, and the satisfier includes a candidate for potential participation in the clinical trial.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the arrangement comprises a clinical trial, the requestor comprises a pharmaceutical

provider, and the satisfier includes a health-care provider.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the arrangement comprises the dissemination of information, the requestor comprises an information provider, and the satisfier includes a party interested in receiving the information.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the arrangement comprises the referral of a patient exhibiting particular symptoms, the requestor includes a referring physician having observed the symptoms, and the satisfier includes a referred physician familiar with treatment of the symptoms.

8. A computer system operated for the automatic selection of parties to an arrangement between a system-qualified requestor of selected requirements and a system-qualified satisfier of specific requirements, the computer system comprising:

an inputting device for:

inputting into the computer system a first predetermined composite of criteria representing each requestor qualified to enter the computer system as a system-qualified requestor;

inputting into the computer system a second predetermined composite of criteria representing each satisfier qualified to serve as a system-qualified satisfier in the computer system, the

second predetermined composite of criteria including satisfaction criteria pertaining to the ability of the satisfier to satisfy specific requirements, and requesting criteria pertaining to requirements of the satisfier in a requestor in order for the satisfier to enter into an arrangement with a particular requestor; and

entering into the computer system a request for a satisfier by a requestor identified as a system-qualified requestor, the request for a satisfier including a schedule of requirements established by the system-qualified requestor;

such that the computer system compares:

the schedule of requirements with the satisfaction criteria of the second predetermined composite of criteria to establish a selected group of system-qualified satisfiers able to meet the schedule of requirements; and

the first predetermined composite of criteria with the requesting criteria of each satisfier of the selected group of system-qualified satisfiers to establish a sub-group of satisfiers willing to enter into an arrangement with the system-qualified requestor entering the request for a satisfier; and

an outputting device for:

outputting from the computer system the request for a satisfier for submission to the sub-group of system-qualified satisfiers for timely responses by satisfiers of the sub-group of

system-qualified satisfiers;

the inputting device further being operative for:

inputting into the computer system timely responses by responding satisfiers of the sub-group of system-qualified satisfiers, and outputting from the computer system the timely responses inputted by the responding satisfiers for selection by the requestor of a response from among those timely responses inputted by responding satisfiers; and

inputting into the computer system a requestor selected response and outputting from the computer system the requestor selected response to notify the satisfier corresponding to the selected response of the selection of the selected response by the requestor; and

the outputting device further being operative for:

outputting from the computer to the requestor the identity of the satisfier and outputting from the computer to the satisfier the identity of the requestor for completion of the arrangement.

9. The computer system of claim 8 wherein the inputting device is further operative for inputting into the computer system, subsequent to completion of the arrangement, a rating by the requestor of the performance of the satisfier, and including the rating in the satisfaction criteria of the second predetermined composite of criteria.

10. The computer system of claim 8 wherein the inputting device is further operative for inputting into the computer system, subsequent to completion of the arrangement, a rating by the satisfier of the performance of the requestor, and including the rating in the first predetermined composite of criteria.

11. An improvement in a method of operating a computer system for the automatic selection of parties to an arrangement to be completed between a system-qualified requestor of selected requirements and a system-qualified satisfier of specific requirements, wherein a first predetermined composite of criteria representing each requestor qualified to enter the computer system as a system-qualified requestor is inputted into the computer system and a second predetermined composite of criteria representing each satisfier qualified to serve as a system-qualified satisfier in the computer system is inputted into the computer system, the second predetermined composite of criteria including satisfaction criteria pertaining to the ability of the satisfier to satisfy specific requirements, and requesting criteria pertaining to requirements of the satisfier in a particular arrangement in order for the satisfier to enter into an arrangement with a particular requestor, the improvement comprising: inputting into the computer system, subsequent to completion of the arrangement, a rating by the requestor of the performance of the

satisfier, and including the rating in the satisfaction criteria of the second predetermined composite of criteria.

12. An improvement in a method of operating a computer system for the automatic selection of parties to an arrangement to be completed between a system-qualified requestor of selected requirements and a system-qualified satisfier of specific requirements, wherein a first predetermined composite of criteria representing each requestor qualified to enter the computer system as a system-qualified requestor is inputted into the computer system and a second predetermined composite of criteria representing each satisfier qualified to serve as a system-qualified satisfier in the computer system is inputted into the computer system, the improvement comprising: inputting into the computer system, subsequent to completion of the arrangement, a rating by the satisfier of the performance of the requestor, and including the rating in the first predetermined composite of criteria.

13. In a computer system operated for the automatic selection of parties to an arrangement to be completed between a system-qualified requestor of selected requirements and a system-qualified satisfier of specific requirements, wherein an inputting device is operative for inputting into the computer system a first

predetermined composite of criteria representing each requestor qualified to enter the computer system as a system-qualified requestor and a second predetermined composite of criteria representing each satisfier qualified to serve as a system-qualified satisfier in the computer system, the second predetermined composite of criteria including satisfaction criteria pertaining to the ability of the satisfier to satisfy specific requirements, and requesting criteria pertaining to requirements of the satisfier in a particular arrangement in order for the satisfier to enter into an arrangement with a particular requestor, the improvement wherein: the inputting device is further operative for inputting into the computer system, subsequent to completion of the arrangement, a rating by the requestor of the performance of the satisfier, and including the rating in the satisfaction criteria of the second predetermined composite of criteria.

14. In a computer system operated for the automatic selection of parties to an arrangement to be completed between a system-qualified requestor of selected requirements and a system-qualified satisfier of specific requirements, wherein an inputting device is operative for inputting into the computer system a first predetermined composite of criteria representing each requestor qualified to enter the computer system as a system-qualified requestor and a second predetermined composite of criteria

representing each satisfier qualified to serve as a system-qualified satisfier in the computer system, the improvement wherein: the inputting device is further operative for inputting into the computer system, subsequent to completion of the arrangement, a rating by the satisfier of the performance of the requestor, and including the rating in the first predetermined composite of criteria.